

Senate Resolution 1133

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th, Kemp of the 46th, Hudgens of the 47th and Pearson of the 51st

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress and the President of the United States to pass meaningful
2 changes to protect threatened or endangered species; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, many citizens of Georgia are directly affected by actions taken under the
4 provisions of the Endangered Species Act; and

5 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2005 the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 3824,
6 the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005 (TESRA) with bipartisan
7 support; and

8 WHEREAS, Georgia Congressmen Sanford Bishop, Jack Kingston, Charlie Norwood, and
9 David Scott cosponsored H.R. 3824, the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act
10 of 2005 (TESRA); and

11 WHEREAS, H.R. 3824 was also supported by Georgia Congressmen John Barrow, Nathan
12 Deal, Phil Gingrey, John Linder, Jim Marshall, Tom Price and Lynn Westmoreland; and

13 WHEREAS, the state of Georgia is home to 63 species of plants and animals on the Federal
14 Endangered and Threatened Species List; and

15 WHEREAS, the citizens of Georgia are performing many voluntary measures to help in the
16 conservation and recovery of species which are or may become listed as threatened or
17 endangered; and

18 WHEREAS, the current Endangered Species Act as structured has not created meaningful
19 incentives to engage private landowners in conservation and has failed to achieve its ultimate
20 aim in the recovery of endangered species; and

1 WHEREAS, H.R. 3824, the Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Act of 2005
2 (TESRA) will focus on species recovery, prioritize recovery efforts, expand the role of states
3 for managing listed species, and compensate landowners for their efforts in species
4 protection.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
6 urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States to act soon on
7 comprehensive Endangered Species Act reform that effectively promotes species
8 conservation and preservation within the state of Georgia and the United States of America.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
11 congressional delegation and the President of the United States.